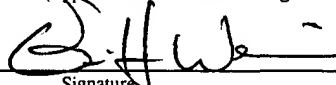




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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 12, 2003, Applicant submits the following COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 1-38 have been allowed. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, does not mirror the scope of every allowed claim. Specifically, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance recites numerous claim limitations, not all of which are recited in every allowed claim.

Applicant understands that each of allowed claims 1-38 are distinguishable over the prior art despite the fact that they do not each recite every limitation listed in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Accordingly, it is not the Applicant's intent to limit the scope of every allowed claim to the limitations set forth in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Rather, the Applicant intends that each claim be read independent of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and be given its broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the claim limitations recited in that particular claim.

As requested in the Notice of Allowance, this COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE accompanies the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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